



Equal Writes



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Asian-American History

From Chinese laborers in the 1800s to millions of U.S. citizens today

When Asian's (usually Chinese) immigrants first arrived in the United States, they were welcomed, or at least tolerated. After the California gold rush brought thousands of Chinese to California, however, Asian immigrants faced restrictive laws and occasional violence. Today, Asian immigrants have a high rate of assimilation and participation in the American mosaic.

Read more @

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/immigration1.html>

Notable Asian Americans



David S. C. Chu, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.



A Political Pioneer
Dalip Singh Saund made history in 1956 when he became the first Asian elected to Congress.

Authority: First Presidential Proclamation, May 91 and US Code Sec. 169k. May of each year is designated as "Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month."

May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.



I don't think there will ever be a time when people will stop wanting to bring about change. --Yuri Kochiyama, a US Japanese-American civil rights activist.

--Kochiyama was born Mary Nakahara in San Pedro, California. After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, Kochiyama's father was imprisoned the same day. Her family, sent to a camp in Jerome, Arkansas, were among the 130,000 Japanese-Americans interned during the second world war. Two of her brothers joined the US Army.

See Asian-American History Timeline @

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/asiantimeline1.html>

Take the Asian Pacific American History Quiz @

<http://www.infoplease.com/quizzes/asian1/1.html>

How easy is it to identify a person's racial and ethnic background? Take the quiz @

http://racelrelations.about.com/library/bl_racequiz.htm

The Army has been and continues to be a values-based organization where everyone is encouraged to do what is right by treating others as they should be treated—with dignity and respect. -Army Command Policy.